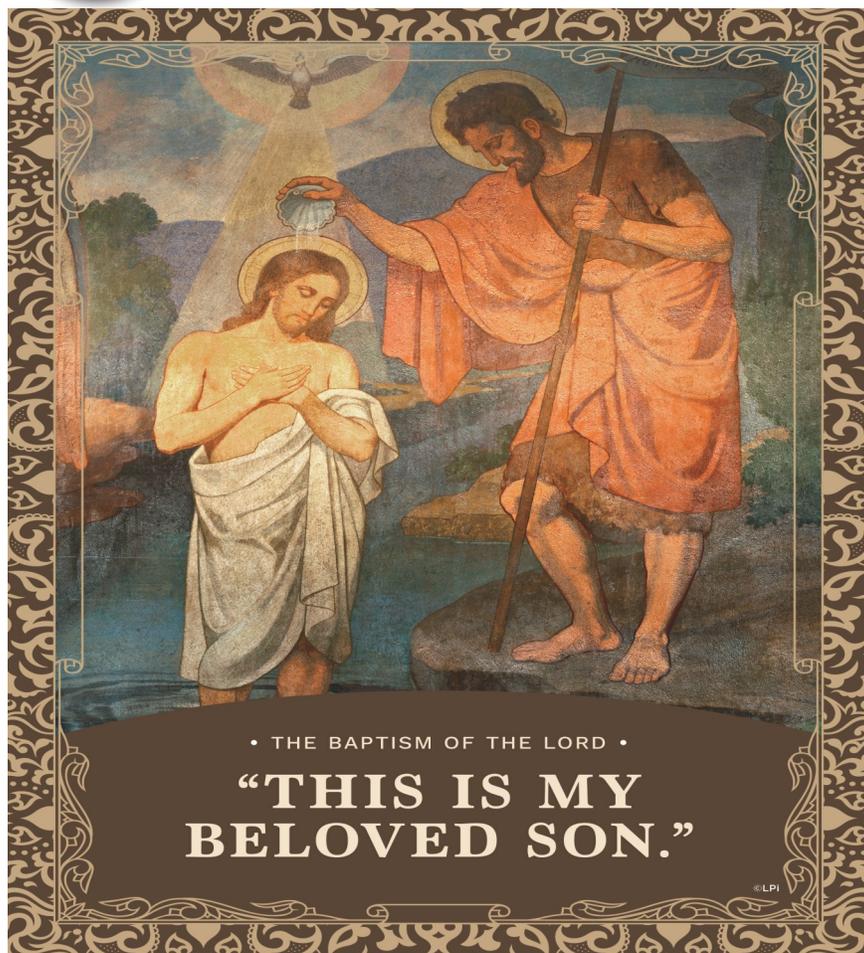


SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



JANUARY 11, 2026



AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00pm**

Sunday

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00am

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00am

St. John, Darwin 10:00am

St Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am

St. Philip, Litchfield (Spanish)...12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

St. Philip **3:15 - 3:45 pm**

Thursday

St. John After 8:00am Mass

St. Anthony After 8:30am Mass

(3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday)

Friday

Our Lady After 8:00am Mass

Or Please call A Priest for an Appointment

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

To register as members of any of our four parishes go to www.shepherdofsouls.org and click on "I'm new". If you prefer, you may call the office of the church you wish to register at.

AFC Mission Statement

Our Mission is to proclaim and celebrate Jesus Christ as the center of our lives and to make disciples for Jesus through building community, serving our Brothers and Sisters, sharing our faith and celebrating sacraments.

LITCHFIELD CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

821 East 5th Street | Litchfield, MN 55355 | 320-693-3313

DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324
320-693-9496 | 320-275-2915

MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

57482 CSAH 3 | Grove City, MN 56243
320-693-8900 | 320-453-7526

WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

201 Central Ave S | Watkins, MN 55389 | 320-764-2755

WELCOME!

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PASTOR'S LETTER

The Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate this weekend marks the end of our Christmas season. Let's hold on to the "God-with-us" mystery we have been celebrating. On behalf of Fr. Mike and myself, I want to say a hearty thank you to all for your well wishes, cards and gifts over the Christmas season.

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Let's pray for greater unity among Christians of different denominations. Each year our Diocese has a prayer service somewhere in the diocese. This year it is relatively close—Willmar. The Annual Diocesan Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 18 at 3:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. Bishop Zielinski will be the presider. Please join us as we pray for unity with our Christian brothers and sisters!

Fr. Bill Sprigler, who served at St. Anthony, has died in Florida after a short illness. His funeral services are still pending. Join me in praying for the repose of his soul.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Jeff Horejsi



Greetings from the
School of St. Philip!

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." Saint Augustine

At this time of year, we all look at aspects of our lives with the goal to be better. These words of wisdom from Saint Augustine remind us that each day is a new beginning—not just those in January. This past week, we returned to school refreshed, and ready to begin again. As this new year unfolds, we look forward to helping each child grow in faith, confidence, and kindness. Together, we will continue to guide our students as they learn, discover their gifts, and become the people God created them to be.

The month of January holds many opportunities to get involved with the School of St. Philip. Please consider attending one or all of our upcoming events, volunteering during Catholic Schools Week for mini-courses or praying for us daily. Our School is a shared mission of our AFC, unable to survive without your support---and a good start for a better tomorrow.

Joyfully in Christ,
Andrea Dietrich, School of St. Philip - Principal
320-593-4774/adietrich@schoolofstphilip.org

PLEASED

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

St Anthony Church Cleaners:
 Church Cleaners: January 4-17
 Tom & Amanda Manuel, Joe & Heidi Manuel, Kelly & Cory Meierhofer and Diane Meierhofer and families.
 Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

Bulletin Deadlines
 Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdsouls.org by noon on Monday.
 Thank you!

Did you Download Our AFC App!
 Our Shepherd of Souls AFC app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at Shepherd of Souls AFC and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

St. Philip, Litchfield **5:30 pm Note Time**..... † Virginia Ourada
 St Anthony, Watkins **5:30 pm Note Time**..... † Dorothy Brixius

Wednesday, January 14

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am..... Holden Jopp
 Our Lady, Manannah 6:45 pm Family Mass Faith Formation Teachers

Thursday, January 15

St. John, Darwin, 8:00 am † Chris Hansen
 St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am † Jack & Lorraine Werner

Friday, January 16

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Al Neu
 St. Philip, Litchfield, 8:30 am † James & Lois Filzen

Saturday, January 17

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00 pm** † Virginia Elke

Sunday, January 18

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am † Ryan Oster
 Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Dale Kalkbrenner
 St. John, Darwin 10:00 am † Roger Johnson
 St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am † Ralph Huberty
 St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) People of the AFC



Mass live streaming on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 5:00 pm St. Philip, Sunday at 8:00 am at St. Philip & Our Lady, Sunday 10:00 am at St. John. You can follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069068800296> The video will remain on our website after the mass is over.

Please pray for those who are sick in the Parish especially...

St.P: Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Dan Curran, Jasper Kargas, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulsen, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Peg Shaw, Jeremy Munson, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Marge Hanson, Jodi Henriksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Gunnar Pitts, Fae Alvarez, Peter Larson, Lynae Hanson, Jan Lies, Judy Markgraf, Brenda Torborg, Rose Minton, Gene Nonweiler, Diane Young Prayer Line phone number 693-3313 ext 100.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, George Pfeffer, Rosie Boyer, Grace Struthers, Jacquelynn Valiant, Harold Kelm. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

St.J: Ednel Diedrich, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker, Wes Edwards, Jesse Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony Marelic, Betsy Wright, Jeff Peller, Debbie Francis, Elyn Guerre, Jon Edwards, Joyce Nyberg, Carlo Iovino, Eugene Stauber, Cassie Spike, Terri Liepold, Helena Posusta, Leon & Carol Schumacher, Ruth Brecht, Krystal Elke, Mary Amborn, Ed & Marjie Feige. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

St.A: The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Luana Ley, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty, Patrice Canfield, Joyce Manske, Gretta H, Ruth Geislinger, Jean Marthaler. Prayer Line phone number 764-2755.

And all those who have asked for our prayers of healing of their friends and relatives.

Stewardship

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: December 28, 2025, Jan 4, 2026, Christmas				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$13.00/60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00/6.00
Adult Envelope	\$2,497.00/4,005.00	\$10,880.00/1,936.00	\$7,908.00/10,123.00	\$3,685.00/4,960.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$565.00/145.00	\$0.00/300.00	\$0.00/1,570.00	\$745.00/820.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$116.00/233.50	\$97.00/98.00	\$386.00/448.36	\$159.42/281.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$3,178.00/4,383.50	\$10,990.00/2,394.00	\$8,294.00/12,141.36	\$4,589.42/6,067
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	(\$724.00)/481.50	\$8,489.00/(107.00)	(\$1,866)/1,981.36	\$804.42/2,282
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$121,646.41	\$73,355.00	\$262,000.28	\$100,458.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$105,354.00	\$67,527.00	\$274,320.00	\$102,195.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	\$16,292.41	\$5,828.00	(\$12,319.72)	(\$1,737.00)
Christmas Collection 2025	\$4,016.00	\$8,489.00	\$16,977.00	\$19,407.00
Christmas Budget	\$7,600.00	\$9,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
Difference	(\$3,584.00)	(\$511.00)	(\$2,023.00)	\$4,407.00

Every Parishioner is a Gift to the Parish and the Church. Your Financial Contributions and the Gift of your time and talents in serving the needs of our Parish and Area Faith Community is a Blessing!

Any donations can be mailed or made online at <https://www.shepherdofsouls.org/donate> Please specify the name of the parish or fund you are donating to in the comments area.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

StA 12:00 pm.... StA Quilting
 OL 6:40 pmOL CCW Rosary
 OL 7:00 pm....OL CCW Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

StP 8:30 am ...Rosary
 StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters
 StP 9:00 amBible Time
 StA 9 am - 12 pm....Thrift Store Open
 StA 6:00 pm....Parish Administrative Meeting
 StP 7:00 pm....KC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

StJ 8:30 am... Quilting
 School 5:00 pm....School Committee Meeting
 StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Gr 4-6
 StJ 5:30 pm....Choir Practice
 StJ 5:30 pm...Adoration Begins
 StA 5:45 pm....Faith Formation Class K-6th w/parents
 StJ 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 1-11 & Adult Study
 StP 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Gr 7-11
 OL 6:45 pm....Faith Formation Family Mass & Class

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

StP 12:00 pm...Gaming Committee Meeting
 StP 1:00 pm.. Mass of Christian Burial for Geri Rangeloff
 StP 6:30 pm....Administrative Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

StP 8:00 am....Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

OL 9:00 am....OL First Communion Retreat
 StA 9 am - 12 pm.... Thrift Store Open
 StP 9:30 am...Women at the Well
 StA 11:00am...Mass of Christian Burial for David Pauly
 StA 7:00 pm....St. Anthony the Great Lock-In 5-12 Gr
 StP 7:00 pm....Spanish Prayer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

OL 8:45 am ...OL Sunday School
 StJ 10:00 am...StJ Children's Liturgy
 StP 11:20 am....Spanish Rosary
 StP 1:00 pm...Hispanic Ministry Meeting



Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of those who have recently passed. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in eternal peace.

- † Mary Hansen-www.wennerfuneralhome.com.
- † Darrell Huhn, son of Margaret Huhn—www.johnsonhagglund.com
- † David Pauly—www.johnsonhagglund.com
- † Geraldine "Geri" Rangeloff—www.johnsonhagglund.com



Congratulations to Jaylah Umana & Ethan Martin on the baptism of their child Miller Andrew Martin at the Church of St. Anthony.

Congratulations to Reese & Brynna Jansen on the baptism of their child Sonny Thomas Jansen at the Church of St. Philip.



Eucharistic Adoration

He is waiting for you to come spend time praying. Eucharistic Adoration will be

St. Anthony, Every Thursday -Friday

Thursday 9:00 am to Friday 9:00 am

St. Philip, Tuesday, January 20

9:00 am Adoration Begins,
 5:15 pm Benediction

St. John, Wednesday, January 14 Ed Center, Wednesday, January 14, 5:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Schedule

St. Philip - Wednesday, January 14

5:00 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6

6:00 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11

Sunday School - for Preschool - Gr 3 meet every other Sunday at 9:15 -10:15 am.

Our Lady - Wednesday, January 14

6:45 pm Faith Formation Family Mass & Class Gr 3-11

Sunday School -Preschool to Grade 2 after Communion until 9:45 am.

St. John, Wednesday, January 14

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:30 pm Adoration Begins

6:00 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 1-11 & Adult Study

Children's Liturgy - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am

St. Anthony, Wednesday, January 14

Jan 14: Family Faith Formation K-6th 5:45-7:45pm

Jan 21: Class for 7th-10th Graders & Confirmation 6:30-8pm

For more information refer to the AFC Google Calendar at www.shepherdofsouls.org

The Healing Power of God

Adult Fellowship & Faith Formation

You are invited to join us!

What: Linda Resop, St. John's parishioner, will speak on her personal faith journey, miracles she has seen, & upcoming healing service, in our AFC, on Feb. 1, 2026.

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Time: 6:30-7:45 pm. Session starts with large group prayer & Gospel, then students & adults separate.

6:00 - 6:20 pm optional dinner with the SJ FF students

Where: St. John's Ed Center

Questions: Call or text Connie 612-387-2686

RIVERBEND TEC RETREATS - Meet Jesus in a new way through a Riverbend Together Encountering Christ (TEC) Retreat! This is a three-day experience centered on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and includes several talks, reflection and discussion, games and music, and celebration of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. The next TEC retreat weekend is scheduled for February 14-16, 2026 at Holy Trinity in Winsted and anyone age 16+ is encouraged to attend. For more information and to register online, visit riverbendtec.org.

Diocesan Marriage Enrichment Retreat - January 23-25, 2026 at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye Take this opportunity to rediscover the spiritual foundation of your marriage and deepen your faith together! Whether you are just starting your journey or have decades of love under your belt, this retreat is for you. Enjoy inspiring sessions, meaningful conversations, and plenty of time to relax. Come away refreshed, recharged, and ready to celebrate your love and faith like never before. For more information and/or registration scan the QR code or visit www.dnu.org/familylife

Our Lady Pizza & Prayer Night - Join us for Pizza and prayer night for confirmation candidates January 11 at 5:30 pm at the Our Lady Parish Center. We will have pizza, prayer, and a speaker.

Help Wanted for Lock-In Jan 17th and 18th - We are looking for adult help for our youth lock-in Jan 17th starting at 7pm and ending on Jan.18th at 6am. If you are VIRTUS trained and able to give a couple hours of your time and sleep, contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com. We will need all the adult help we can get or we'll have to cancel this event.

Featuring *The Hobbit*

WELCOME TO THE
ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT LOCK-IN
GRADES 5TH-12TH

STARTING SATURDAY JAN. 17TH AT 7PM AND
ENDING ON SUNDAY JAN. 18TH AT 6AM.

Church of St. Anthony
Watkins, MN
RSVP to Sam at
evwyouthministry@gmail.com
or Scan the QR below

StA Sub Sandwich Fundraiser Sunday, February

8th - The Sub Sandwich Fundraiser benefits youth events and activities. Looking for help and donations. *High school students and adult volunteers to: assemble, organize, hand out and make individually packaged treats. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or Bonnie at evwcatholic@gmail.com or 453-5765. *Monetary donations for supplies: • Three \$50 donations for roast beef • Three \$40 donations for ham • Three \$40 donations for turkey • Four \$30 donations for buns • One \$20 donation for advertising • One \$30 donation for paper supplies. Donations can be dropped in the collection box in envelopes marked "Sub Fundraiser Donation". Thank you for your help and support!

Fill out your Pre-Order Sub Sandwich Order forms before January 26th to ensure your order will be ready at pickup. Sandwiches are \$5 each. A meal is \$6 (which includes sandwich, chips and a treat). Fill out an order form for each sandwich you are ordering. Orders will be ready for pick up on Sunday, February 8th from 11AM-Noon at the church you specified (Assumption or St. Anthony's). Return forms - in the collection basket, in the basket in the handicap addition or email your order to StAnthonyff@shepherdofsouls.org. Contact Stephani with questions.

Knights of Columbus
PJ Casey Council 2029 Breakfast
 Sunday, January 25th, 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Church of St. Philip Social Hall

Supporting March for Life Month and to purchase an
 Ultrasound Machine.
 Menu: Egg Bake, Sausage & Biscuits, Monkey Bread

Tuesday Night Rosary Leader
 We are looking for a few people willing to lead the rosary
 before the 6PM Tuesday evening Mass at St. Anthony's.
 Contact the St Anthony office if you can help!

Catholic Schools Week

SPAGHETTI

Dinner
FUNDRAISER



Menu
 Spaghetti
 Garlic Bread
 Salad
 Brownie

\$12 > 5 and under free

Saturday, January 24, 2026
 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 Church of St. Philip
 821 East 5th Street, Litchfield

All proceeds benefit the
 school of St. Philip.



Our Lady CCW Meeting— Please join us for our bi-monthly CCW Meeting on **Monday, January 12**. We begin with the Rosary at 6:40 pm in the Church and continue with the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All ladies from Our Lady are welcome!

March for Life Bus - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a bus to the March for Life rally in St. Paul on Thursday, January 22nd. The bus will depart:

- 7:53 St. Philip's Church
- 8:15 St. John's Church
- 8:38 St. John's Education Center

The bus will arrive at the Cathedral in time for the prayer service, then to the Capitol for the rally. Return time will be approximately 3:30. Please bring your own food and drinks. To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text Tony Lorber at 320-248-6863.

Richmond March for Life Bus
 To ride the Richmond Bus contact Judy Haag at judy4life@meltel.net 320-453-7592 possibility of pooling rides from Assumption Church in Eden Valley at 7:15am

'SEEDS OF FAITH' 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

\$50
 Tickets are available at the School of St. Philip or Church of St. Philip office

SOCIAL HOUR: 5 P.M.
 DINNER: 6 P.M.
 SHOW: 7:30 P.M.



Featuring Pat Balder & Glen Everhart

SONG BLAST DUELING GUITARS

is going
BACK TO THE 80'S
Saturday, January 31, 2026

Proceeds from this event benefit the scholarship fund and curriculum for the School of St. Philip!

Litchfield Eagles Club
 389 CSAH 34
 Litchfield, MN

Featuring a LIVE auction! **STEFFES**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE This event is made possible through a Catholic Schools Center of Excellence matching grant.

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320-693-6283
 @ events@schoolofstphilip.org

\$25 Tickets may be available at the door for the show only based on availability.

2026 St. Anthony Cabin Fever Reliever—The 2026 Cabin Fever Reliever is coming up fast! It is time to reserve your spots if you haven't done so already. The last chance for event tickets is February 1st. There are still a few 50/50 Raffle Tickets available. These raffle tickets are \$100 each with the chance to win one of two \$5000 prizes (only 200 tickets are sold)! You can get raffle and event tickets after the Sunday Masses at St. Anthony's and in the St. Anthony office. Also, the CFR committee is asking for your donations of delicious desserts and bottles of wine. Thank you for your help in making this fun event a success!

SAVE THE DATE:
Lenten 40 Days For Life-St Cloud Campaign
Wed Feb 18 to March 29th
 Info: Judy 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net

Seeking February Kitchen Volunteers! Seeking kitchen volunteers to go to "A Place of Hope" in St. Cloud to help prepare and serve meals to the homeless on **February 12, 2:00-6:30 PM**. If you'd like to help, but can't find the time, your monetary donations would also be welcome! Contact Jessie in the St. Anthony office to sign up to volunteer or donate.

Birthday Party for Dale Anderson - Please join us on Saturday, February 7th 2:00pm – 4:00pm for a Birthday Party for Dale Anderson in the St. Philip's Social Hall. Come and Go cake and coffee will be served. All are welcome to wish him a Happy Birthday!



Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk
Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9:00 am
ST. PHILIP SOCIAL HALL

Speaker will be Christy Louwagie

There will be a Quilt Raffle and proceeds will help with the expenses of Coffee Talk

Come for a time of Fellowship, coffee, treats & door prizes! Bring your friends and your favorite coffee mug!
 Sponsors: Family Fare, Thrivent Financial & MN Coffee Company



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
 Revival**
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

"The Body of Christ "AMEN!"

Jesus in Holy Communion "sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in Heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1419)

In order to be properly prepared to enter the Heavenly Banquet, "participants should not be conscious of grave mortal sin and normally should have fasted for one hour." (uscgb) The Eucharistic Fast is at least one hour of no food or beverages, except for water or necessary medications.

"As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins." (CCC1394) However, "the Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins - that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church." (CCC 1395)

Our Lady 150th Anniversary— An early calendar must. As 2025 closes out the holidays. We would like you to highlight those 2026 Family calendars. Be sure to save the date Saturday, August 15, 2026 for our Church of Our Lady Faith, Family and Community 150 years Celebration Mass and meal.
 Thanks you! Our Lady Core Committee

Community Blood Drives—American Red Cross **Eden Valley- Tuesday**, January 20th, from noon—6pm at the Assumption Church. Contact Bonnie at 320-282-1468 mbmeyer@meltel.net

 The need for blood is crucial and donors of all types are needed. Please consider being a blood donor. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment, or download the Red Cross Blood Donor app. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority. Remember to bring identification along and complete your Rapid Pass. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.



Spiritual Adoption "JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. I BEG YOU TO SPARE THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN BABY I HAVE SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED, WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION. AMEN."

Prayer is the most powerful weapon against evil. SPIRITUAL ADOPTION is a meaningful way to promote prayer for babies in danger of abortion and their parents. It also educates people about the development of the unborn child over the 9-month period before birth. Watch next week's bulletin for more details!

St. Anthony Church Project Financials
 Remaining Money on Hand: \$199,155.96
 Remaining Unpaid Pledges: \$33,668.07
 Remaining 1st Phase Exterior Projects: Sacristy Roof

St. Philip Church & School Building Fund
Church Goal \$300,000.00
 Received \$11,010.54 Total to Raise \$288,989.46
School Goal \$25,000.00
 Received \$1,350.00 Total to Raise \$23,650.00

Are you in need of physical healing ?



Day of Healing

Join us at St. Philip Church on Feb 1 to encounter the Lord in a deeper way.

We will begin with a time of praise and worship, followed by a short teaching and then you will have an opportunity to receive individual prayer for healing.

Sunday, Feb 1st: 2-4 @ St. Philip's Catholic Church

821 E. 5th St. Litchfield, MN 55355

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